

1. Background

News portals daily present lots of news obtained from various sources to news consumers. In our case, given a news article as input, **a news chain** is defined as a set of news articles that expose a story about the input news. Members of a news chain are related to each other directly or indirectly (i.e. explicit or implicit(hidden) relations between news articles can be seen).

A news article is defined as **relevant to the input**, in this annotation, if its members belong to the same topic with the input. A news topic is defined as a set of news articles strongly related to a real life event. For instance, "flood disaster of İstanbul in 2009" is a news topic.

A transition between two adjacent news articles is meaningful or coherent if they both are about the same topic or otherwise, the topic transition between them can be interpreted as logical. For instance, the transition between two news articles that are about "flood disaster of 2009" and "economical progress of İstanbul in 2009" can be interpreted as logical.

2. Tasks

In this assignment, you are required to complete total of 33 tasks. In each task, you need to;

- (i) read all news articles in the given chain in order; for instance, you have to read 3rd news article after you read 2nd news article, in other words you cannot read 5th news article in the chain after reading 2nd news article (news content can be viewed by double-clicking),
- (ii) answer all questions given at the bottom of the chain.

Note that the last 3 tasks include multiple chains to be considered together while answering the questions.

3. Details of Annotation Program

You are going to complete your tasks via the annotation program that can be downloaded from (<http://cs.bilkent.edu.tr/~ctoraman/annotation.rar>). You need Internet connection to login into the annotation program. **You must connect to Internet inside of Bilkent Campus or via Bilkent VPN.**

3.1 Login Screen

Each annotator has a username and password to login. Username and passwords will be sent to your e-mail.

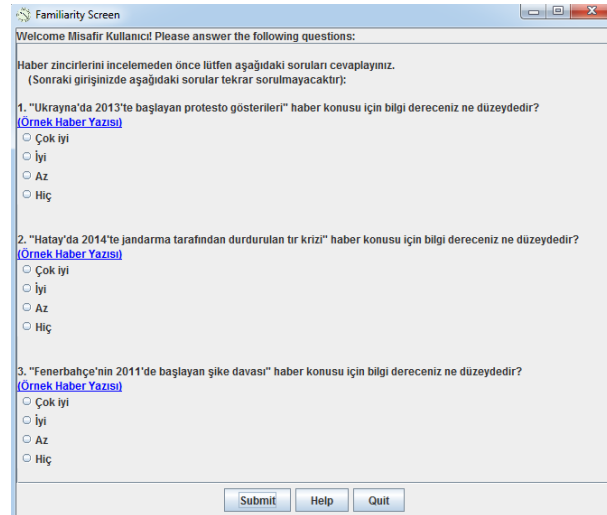
3.2 Familiarity Screen

In this window, you are asked to answer about your pre-knowledge on 3 news topics: "Ukrainian riots", "Truck pulled over in Hatay while going to Syria", and "Match-fixing case of Fenerbahçe". Figure 1 shows a sample familiarity screen. Once you finish answering these questions, you will not see this screen again.

3.3 Tasks Screen

In this screen, you have 33 tasks to complete, regarding 3 news topics that are given in Section 3.2. Each task has a news chain that includes several news articles. Note that the last 3 tasks include multiple chains to be considered together while answering the questions.

Annotation status is given as "completed"/"not completed". Start and end of annotation process are given in date format. The time spent during annotation process is calculated as well. Note that you can quit your annotation process with the "close without saving" button. You can also change your "completed" annotation whenever you want. Figure 2 displays a sample tasks screen.



Familiarity Screen

Welcome Misafir Kullanıcı! Please answer the following questions:

Haber zincirlerini incelemeyen önce lütfen aşağıdaki soruları cevaplayınız.
(Sonraki girişinizde aşağıdaki sorular tekrar sorulmayacaktır):

1. "Ukrayna'da 2013'te başlayan protesto gösterileri" haber konusu için bilgi dereceniz ne düzeydedir?
([Örnek Haber Yazısı](#))

☐ Çok İyi
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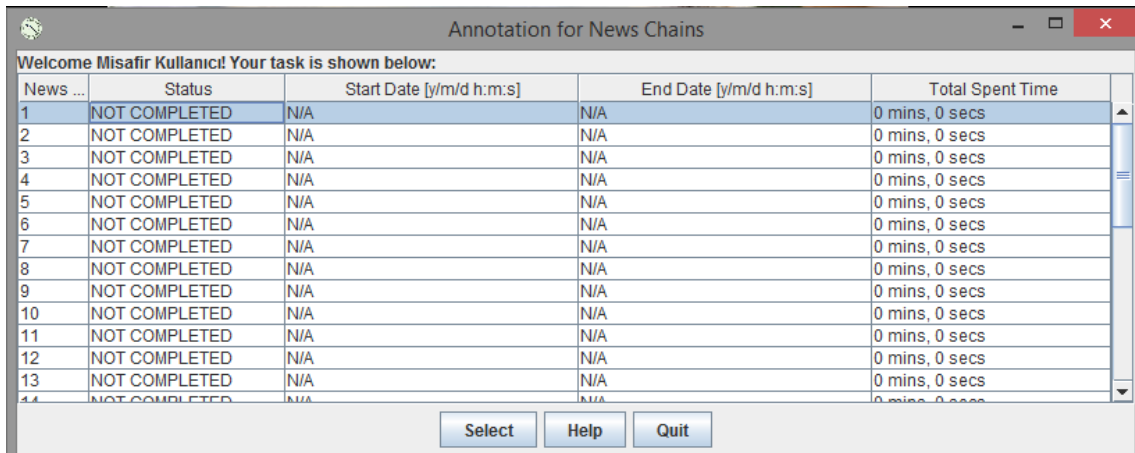
2. "Hatay'da 2014'te jandarma tarafından durdurulan tır krizi" haber konusu için bilgi dereceniz ne düzeydedir?
([Örnek Haber Yazısı](#))

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3. "Fenerbahçe'nin 2011'de başlayan şike davası" haber konusu için bilgi dereceniz ne düzeydedir?
([Örnek Haber Yazısı](#))

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Figure 1. A sample familiarity screen.



Annotation for News Chains

Welcome Misafir Kullanıcı! Your task is shown below:

News ...	Status	Start Date [y/m/d h:m:s]	End Date [y/m/d h:m:s]	Total Spent Time
1	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
2	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
3	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
4	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
5	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
6	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
7	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
8	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
9	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
10	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
11	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
12	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
13	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs
14	NOT COMPLETED	N/A	N/A	0 mins, 0 secs

Figure 2. A sample tasks screen.

3.4 Annotation Screen

A sample annotation screen is given in Figure 3. This window consists of two sub-panels:

(i) *Top- panel: News Chain*

News articles in the chain are listed in the top of window. News snippets (first 200 characters or less if length is less than 200) are given with the publication date in this list. If you double-click on a news snippet, then full news content will be displayed.

(ii) *Bottom- panel: Questions*

Your task, news chain annotation, will be accomplished at the bottom panel. Here, you will see several questions regarding the given news chain. **Note that you have to first read all news articles of the chain in order starting from first news article.** At the bottom of this panel, the "Save and Complete" button can be used to save the given answers and finish the task. The "Close without Saving" button quits the task regardless of saving any given answer.

Annotation for News Chains

Haber zinciri 5 aşağıda verilen haber yazılarından oluşmaktadır.

Order	Date [d m y]	Snippet (Double click for the full text)
1	25 January 2014	(***) Ukrayna'da uzlaşma yok! Ukrayna-AB ile ortaklık anlaşmasının imzalanmamasına iki aydır isyan eden
2	27 January 2014	Beyoğlu'nda polis müdahalesi. Beyoğlu Örnektepe Mahallesi Etibank Caddesi üzerinde saat 19.00 sıralarında topl...
3	30 January 2014	"Kamu binalarını derhal boşaltın". Ukrayna Parlamentosu Başkanı Volodimir Rybak, dün kabul edilen af yasasına g...
4	2 February 2014	AKP'li Adaya Tepki. Şanlıurfa'da, 30 Martta yapılacak yerel seçimlerde AKP'den merkez Eyyübiye İlçe Başkan adayı ...
5	13 February 2014	CHP'den DSP'ye geçtiler. 30 Marttaki yerel seçimler için belediye başkan adaylarını geçtiğimiz hafta belirleyen CHP...
6	18 February 2014	AKP'li adayın konvoyunda kaza: 1 ölü. Konvoydaki hafif ticari araç yaklaşık 100 metreden şarampole yuvarlandı, baş...
7	18 February 2014	Gürbüz Çapan adaylıktan çekildi. Çapan'ın yerine kardeşi Çetin Çapan aday gösterildi. Hürriyet'in haberine göre; G...
8	26 February 2014	Şans Topu çekildi. Milli Piyango İdaresince düzenlenen şans oyununun 663. hafta çekilişinde, kazandıran numaral...

Lütfen yukarıda verilen haber zincirindeki haberleri sırasıyla okuduktan sonra aşağıdaki soruları cevaplayınız
(Bazı haber yazılarının içerisinde RSS kaynağından dolayı eksik/tekrarlı cümle olabilir):

1. (Familiarity) (***) ile işaretlenmiş haber yazısıyla ilgili olaylar için yukarıdaki haberleri okumadan önce bilgi dereceniz ne düzeydeydi?

☐ Çok iyi biliyordum

☐ Biliyordum

☐ Az biliyordum

☐ Hiç bilmiyordum

2. (Relevance) Haber zinciri, (***) ile işaretlenmiş haber yazısıyla ilgilidir.

☐ Kesinlikle Katılıyorum

☐ Katılıyorum

Figure 3. A sample annotation screen.

4. Grading

In this assignment, your task is to complete 33 tasks for annotating news chains. **Your assignment will be finished when status of all tasks become "COMPLETED". Your assignment will be graded based on the reliability of your answers.** Please contact ctoraman@cs.bilkent.edu.tr for any assistance and questions.